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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WALKER ET AL.

Examiner

Firmin Backer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s). 15, 18 and 26-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15, 18 and 26-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Request for Reconsideration

This is in response to a request for reconsideration file March 13th, 2003. Claims 15, 18 and 26-35 are being reconsidered in this action.

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15, 18 and 26-35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 15, 18 and 26-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Pugsley et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,629,874).
4. As per claims 15, 18 and 35, Pugsley et al teach an apparatus (*prepayment metering system, figs 1, 2*), comprising a processing unit, an input device, in communication with the processing unit, the input device operable to input a second account identifier (*resulting number A'*) for use in place of a first account identifier (*number recorded on the card, A*) thereto (*see abstract, fig 1, 2*) a transmitting/receiving device in communication with the processing unit, the

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transmitting/receiving device operable to transmit the second account identifier for verification thereof and receive information regarding authorization of the second account identifier, and an output device in communication with the processing unit, the output device operable to output the information regarding authorization of the second account identifier, wherein the second account identifier is a single-use account identifier specific to a transaction (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

5. As per claim 26, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the second account identifier is transmitted to an issuer associated with the first account identifier (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

6. As per claim 27, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the processing unit is associated with a merchant (*see fig 1, 2*).

7. As per claim 28, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the second account identifier is received from a customer as a means of payment for the transaction (*see column 4 lines 31-67*).

8. As per claim 29, Pugsley et al teach a method further comprising causing to be delivered to the customer, after receiving information regarding authorization of the transaction, at least one of at least one good and at least one service associated with the transaction (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

9. As per claim 30, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the transaction comprises a transaction conducted over at least one of the Internet and the telephone (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

10. As per claim 31, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the customer is in a location that is remote from the processing unit (*see abstract, fig 1, 2*).

11. As per claim 32, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the information regarding authorization includes an authorization code (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

12. As per claim 33, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the processing unit is in communication with a central credit card processing system maintained by a credit card issuer (*see abstract, fig 1, 2*).

13. As per claim 34, Pugsley et al teach a method wherein the second account identifier comprises a sixteen-digit identifier (*see, abstract, fig 1, 2, column 1, lines 28-56, 2 line 30-54*).

Conclusion


14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.



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